

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 13, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2319 - HB 2726**

This bill, if enacted, will abolish the Small and Minority-Owned Business Assistance Program. This program is to become effective July 1, 1996 to assist small and minority-owned telecommunications businesses. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority was to develop rules to determine contributions to the program to be made each year by the telecommunications service providers. The program was to collect \$2,000,000 per year for five years for a reserve fund to provide loan guarantees, technical assistance, consulting services, etc. to small and minority-owned telecommunications businesses which would be administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a decrease in state revenue of \$2,000,000 to the Small and Minority-owned Telecommunications Business Assistance Program Fund and a decrease in state expenditures of \$2,000,000 for this assistance program.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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